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SUBJ: MALAGASY FOREIGN MINISTER DEPARTS FOR OCTA 2 1973

1. ACCORDING SEPT 29 "MADAGASCAR PRESSE" (OFFICIAL NEWS BULLETIN),
~~X~~ FOURIER FOREIGN MINISTER N.Y. ALGERIA
MALAGASY FOMIN RATSI IRAKA DEPARTED TANANARIVE EVENING SEPT 28 FOR
MALAGASY REPUBLIC
UNGA. RATSI IRAKA TOLD PRESS HE WOULD PROBABLY ADDRESS GA OCT 03.

2. RATSIRAKA HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION OF INTENTION VISIT WASHINGTON DURING US STAY. WHILE FOR TACTICAL REASONS AGREED BETWEEN DEPT AND EMBASSY I HAVE NOT SOUGHT HIM OUT SINCE HIS RETURN FROM ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. FREQUENT CONTACT BETWEEN DCM AND DIRECTOR BILATERAL RELATIONS ON OTHER SUBJECTS HAS PROVIDED ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITY FOR MALAGASY TO PASS MESSAGE OR DROP HINT RE POSSIBLE RATSIRAKA TRIP TO WASH, BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO SUGGESTION OF IT. WE OF COURSE BELIEVE IT TACTICALLY BETTER FOR US IF HE DOES NOT VISIT WASH THIS TIME, AS HE WOULD PROBABLY RAISE QUESTION OF US SUPPLYING RICE ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS, TO WHICH REPLY WOULD PRESUMABLY CONTINUE TO BE NEGATIVE.

3. RATSIRAKA TOLD PRESS ON DEPARTURE HE MIGHT VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES WHILE AWAY, BUT CITED NO NAMES. DATE HIS RETURN TO TANANARIVE THUS APPEARS UNCERTAIN, AS IT USUALLY IS WHEN HE TRAVELS ABROAD.

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